

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

CLAIMS

I claim:

1-17 (canceled).

17. (previously presented) The paperless book of claim 24 further comprising a alternating current to direct current converter which plugs into the power jack and provides direct power to the paperless book.

18. (previously presented) The paperless book of claim 24 further comprising a digital storage device for visual and audible information, the digital storage device inserted in the ROM loading door in operation.

19. (canceled)

20. (previously presented) The process of claim 23 wherein the visual and audible information is downloaded from a removable memory storage device.

21. (previously presented) The process of claim 23 further comprising the step:
d. advancing the visual display to the next page when the audible display corresponding to the displayed page is completed.

22. (previously presented) A portable paperless book comprising:
a visual display system,
an audible display system,
a temporary storage site,
a digital storage system for visual and audible information, and
a power system containing a battery for powering the portable paperless book,
wherein the visual information is a printed book with words electronically

displayed on the visual display for reading and may be electronically erased from the visual display after the words are read,

controls for the erasure of the visual display after the words are read, and

the audible information is electronically synthesized words of the printed book which are synthesized in synchrony with the words electronically displayed on the visual display, wherein the visible information may be read under constantly changing conditions when the conditions favor visible reading, and the audible information may be listened to under constantly changing conditions when the conditions favor listening to audible information.

23. (previously presented) The process of displaying information in a portable paperless book comprising a visual display system, an audible display system, a digital storage system for visual and audible information, a temporary storage site, and a power system containing a battery for powering the portable paperless book, wherein the visual information is a printed book with words electronically displayed on the visual display for reading and may be electronically erased from the visual display after the words are read, controls for the erasure of the visual display after the words are read, and the audible information is electronically synthesized words of the printed book which are synthesized in synchrony with the words electronically displayed on the visual display, wherein the visible information may be read under constantly changing conditions when the conditions favor visible reading, and the audible information may be listened to under constantly changing conditions when the conditions favor listening to audible information comprising the steps:

- a. downloading visual and audible information from a digital storage device into the temporary storage site,
- b. displaying a page of printed words from the temporary storage site on a visual display, and

c. displaying audible expression of the words of the page of printed words from the temporary storage site on an audible display, the display of audible material simultaneously with the display of words of the page of printed words.

24. (previously presented) A paperless book comprising:

- a housing,
- a central processing unit, ROM reader, permanent memory unit, and temporary memory unit mounted within the housing,
- a visual display, power jack, head-mounted visual display housing jack, audible display housing jack, scroll button, select button, play button, stop or pause button, directional control buttons, volume control dial, brightness control dial, door for inserting ROM, and shoulder strap, mounted on the housing,
- earphones, connecting wires, and an earphone jack,
- the earphone jack connected to the audible display housing jack,
- a head-mounted visual display, connecting wire, and visual display jack,
- the visual display jack connected to the head-mounted visual display housing jack, and
- a battery for powering the paperless book,

wherein audible information is electronically synthesized words of the printed book which are synthesized in synchrony with the words electronically displayed on the visual display,

wherein the visible information may be read under constantly changing conditions when the conditions favor visible reading, and the audible information may be listened to under constantly changing conditions when the conditions favor listening to audible information.

25-26 (canceled)